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SUBJECT: POLISH COAL MINE DISASTER

PASS INTERIOR FOR SECRETARY MORTON

1. POLISH PRESS REPORTS THAT METHANE-GAS EXPLOSION AT "SILESIA" COAL MINE NEAR BIELSKO-BIALA ON JUNE 28 KILLED 32 MINERS AND INJURED 29. THIS WAS ONE OF THE WORST DISASTERS IN RECENT MINING HISTORY IN POLAND.

2. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT SECRETARY MORTON SEND FOLLOWING CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO VICE PREMIER MITREGA, WHO WAS CALLED TO THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT.

H.E. JAN MITREGA

VICE PREMIER AND MINISTER OF MINING AND POWER

EXCELLENCY:

I WAS DEEPLY SHOCKED TO LEARN OF THE ACCIDENT AT THE SILESIA COAL MINE, AND ASK YOU TO TRANSMIT MY PERSONAL CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES AND COLLEAGUES OF THOSE INVOLVED. WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF FOR THE DEAD AND INJURED AND CONCERN FOR THE LIVES AND HEALTH OF THESE COURAGEOUS MEN WHOSE WORK UNDER GROUND IS SO IMPORTANT FOR THE PROSPERITY OF BOTH OUR NATIONS. WE HONOR THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO LOSE THEIR LIVES IN SUCH TRAGIC EVENTS BY CONTINUING

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TO EXPLORE WITH YOU THE MEANS AND TECHNIQUES FOR MAKING THE

MINING PROFESSION AS SAFE AND EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE.

SINCERELY

ROGERS C.B. MORTON

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

3. AMBASSADOR WILL TRANSMIT ABOVE MESSAGE TO MITREGA ON RECEIPT  
OF INTERIOR CONCURRENCE. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.  
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